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## STATUS OF PROJECTS

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

STATUS OF PROJECTS

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1. COMPLETED PROJECTS

(November 1, 1948 - November 15, 1948)

U. S. ARMED FORCES AT TSINGTAO  
(See NSC Action No. 139)

## 2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

### U. S. OBJECTIVES WITH RESPECT TO THE USSR TO COUNTER SOVIET THREATS TO U. S. SECURITY (NSC 20/3)

A draft report on threats and objectives, prepared by the NSC Staff and concurred in by the Consultants on November 2, presented for consideration by the Council after receipt of comments by the JCS. Scheduled as Item 1 on the agenda for the 27th NSC Meeting, November 18. JCS comments will be circulated prior to the Meeting. (See Section 4 for current status of remainder of problem to be considered in the NSC 20 Series.)

### THE SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN

As a matter under continuous consideration, this subject is scheduled for discussion as Item 3 on the agenda for the 27th Meeting of the NSC on November 18. (See Section 4 for status of project on Germany.)

### U. S. POLICY TOWARD JAPAN

(Memo for the NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 28, 1948. Ref. NSC 13/2 and NSC Action No. 117, c)

At its 23rd Meeting, October 7, the Council adopted NSC 13/1 as amended, and agreed that paragraphs 5, 9, and 20 should be submitted at a later date. Paragraph 5 adopted as of October 26, 1948 by NSC Action No. 138. Draft of paragraph 9, approved by Departments of State and Army, submitted to other Council members by memorandum of October 28. Approved by Defense, Navy and NSRB. Awaiting action by Air. Also awaiting a joint report from the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Army on paragraph 20.

UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC (Cont'd.)

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THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

(Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 26, 1948, reference NSC 17/2)

At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the NSC approved the Conclusions of NSC 17/1 and directed the Executive Secretary to submit appropriate recommendations. The report of the Executive Secretary, NSC 17/2, was considered by the Council on August 19, when the Council agreed that consideration of subject be referred to SANACC. A directive to SANACC approved September 16, 1948 by the NSC members, including the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General, requests SANACC to prepare appropriate studies and recommendations on the problems of internal security, take final action within the limits of its authority, and make recommendations to the Council on problems requiring Presidential consideration. SANACC is to report to the NSC the results of its action on the problems considered by SANACC. As a consequence of a memorandum from the President of October 20, requesting that the subject be placed upon the agenda for an early Council meeting, SANACC has been asked to expedite its report. SANACC report received on November 15 and submitted to the Council for consideration together with recent correspondence on the subject by the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General.

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SURVEY PRODUCTION SCHEDULE, FISCAL YEAR 1949

(Memo to NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated November 3, 1948)

Tentative NIS production schedule submitted by the Director of Central Intelligence for NSC consideration. Approved by State, Army and NSRB. Awaiting action by Defense, Navy and Air.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET-DIRECTED WORLD COMMUNISM

(NSC 7)

Staff report submitted to the NSC as NSC 7 on March 31. Council action deferred pending further study of this report by the Department of State. Scheduled for discussion at 12th Meeting of NSC at which time it was again deferred pending the receipt of a substitute report which the Department of State is preparing.

3. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC CONSULTANTS

PLANS AND PREPARATIONS FOR WARTIME INFORMATION PROGRAM  
(Ref. NSC 4 and NSC 10 Series, SANACC 304/6 and 304/14)

To provide a basis for a report to the Council on the above subject, the NSC Staff requested the Department of State to prepare an amendment to NSC 4 with respect to planning responsibilities for wartime implementation of NSC 4 in the light of the recommendations of SANACC (SANACC 304/6) and the JCS (SANACC 304/14). By memorandum of October 5 the Secretary of Defense urged that the NSC Staff submit its report for Council consideration at the earliest possible date. A draft report was submitted on October 21 for consideration by the Consultants. Amendments proposed by Army and NSRB. Awaiting action by State, Navy and Air.

PROVISION OF A MILITARY POLICE FORCE FOR JERUSALEM  
(NSC 27/2)

Report by the Secretary of Defense circulated November 3, 1948 to the Council for information and to the NSC Staff for preparation of a report as a matter of urgency. Draft report by the Staff submitted to the Consultants on November 12. Awaiting action by all Consultants.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO CHINA  
(NSC 34)

At its 9th Meeting the Council agreed that a report on an over-all policy on China should be prepared and requested the Department of State to draft the initial report. State's draft, "U. S. Policy Toward China" was circulated as NSC 34, October 13, to the Council for information and referred to the Staff for preparation of a report to the Council. At its 26th Meeting the Council discussed a preliminary draft report prepared by the NSC Staff and referred it back to the Staff for revision in the light of the discussion at the Meeting. A final Staff draft report was submitted to the Consultants on November 12. Awaiting action by all Consultants. (The problems in the NSC 22 Series are covered in this draft report; see Sections 1 and 6 for current status of the NSC 11 Series.)

UNDER CONSIDERATION BY NSC CONSULTANTS (Cont'd.)

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO SCANDINAVIA  
(NSC 32 and NSC Action No. 102, Ref. NSC 28/1)

At its 19th Meeting the Council requested the Secretary of the Air Force to prepare for Council consideration specific recommendations as the basis for negotiation of matters with respect to Greenland and Spitzbergen. Implementation of a portion of NSC 28/1 (par. 12-b) deferred pending Council action on the above requested report. Report by the Secretary of the Air Force circulated to the Council for information on October 4 and referred to the Staff for consideration, (NSC 32) "The Situation of the U. S. with Respect to Negotiations with Denmark and Norway". The views of the NSC Staff were outlined in a draft memorandum to the NSC which was submitted to the Consultants on November 3. Concurred in by NSRB, November 8; State, November 9; Air, November 12. Awaiting action by Army and Navy.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on December 2, 1947. First draft issued February 11, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 23. Concurred in by Navy, April 26; by Army and Air, May 3. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO TURKEY

Study initiated by the NSC Staff February 10, 1948. First draft issued April 5, 1948. After various revisions, draft presented to Consultants April 27. Concurred in by Navy, April 28; by Army, May 7; by Air, May 12. State action being deferred, pending related developments.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA  
(NSC 12)

Study of this subject submitted by the Under Secretary of State for the information of the Council distributed as NSC 12, May 28. On the basis of this study, the NSC Staff prepared a report on Northwest Africa for consideration by the Council; presenting it to the Consultants for concurrence on June 21. Concurred in by Navy, July 6; by Air, July 7; by NSRB, July 12. State changes of August 4 and Army change of July 6 incorporated in a revision submitted August 4 for further consideration by the Consultants. Army changes submitted August 30. State action being deferred pending related developments.

#### 4. PROJECTS IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF

##### THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO GERMANY (NSC Action No. 113,b)

At its 21st Meeting, the Council agreed that the Department of State should prepare a draft report for reference to the NSC Staff on the position of the U. S. with respect to Germany in the event that current Berlin negotiations are unsuccessful. Staff awaiting Department of State report.

##### APPRAISAL OF THE DEGREE AND CHARACTER OF MILITARY PREPAREDNESS REQUIRED BY THE WORLD SITUATION (NSC 20 Series)

Memorandum by the Secretary of Defense suggesting that the Department of State draft an initial statement of the risks, objectives and measures related to the national security for consideration by the Council as a matter of highest priority. At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the Council agreed that the Department of State would prepare a report on the risks and objectives for Council consideration. On the basis of the completed report, the NSC directed the Staff to recommend specific measures to achieve the national security objectives. Pending Council action on NSC 20/3, (see Section 2), the Staff is giving preliminary consideration to specific measures required to achieve the objectives states therein.

##### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF FORMOSA TO U. S. NATIONAL SECURITY (Memorandum from Acting Secretary of State, November 1, 1948)

Upon request of the Acting Secretary of State, by memorandum dated November 1, 1948, the NSC Staff has been directed to prepare for the consideration of the Council, as a matter of priority, an appraisal of the strategic implications to the security of the U.S. should Formosa and its immediately adjacent islands, including the Pescadores, come under an administration which is susceptible of exploitation by Kremlin-directed communists. CIA has furnished the Staff with a current report on the political and economic situation in Formosa. The Executive Secretary has requested the Secretary of Defense to obtain the views of the JCS for the information of the Council and the use of the NSC Staff. Staff awaiting views of JCS.



IN PREPARATION BY NSC STAFF (Cont'd.)

THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF U. S.  
MILITARY POWER IN GREECE  
(NSC 5/4)

CIA requested by NSC Staff to prepare a report on the current situation in Greece as a basis for review of NSC 5/4, which was to be undertaken not later than November 1, 1948. CIA report (ORE 28-48) received October 22. Department of State is preparing a draft report. Awaiting State draft.

SANACC 398/4  
(NSC 26/1)

At its 19th Meeting, September 2, 1948, the Council deferred action on NSC 26, but instructed the Department of State to continue further planning with U. S. industrial representatives in this country. A report by the Acting Secretary of State (NSC 26/1) was circulated November 10 for the information of the Council and referred to the NSC Staff for use in the preparation of appropriate modification of NSC 26 for consideration by the Council, as recommended therein. Views of the JCS on NSC 26, circulated informally to members of the Council at their 19th Meeting on September 2, are included in NSC 26/1. Awaiting report by the Staff.

## 5. OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS

### DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO WESTERN UNION

(Memorandum for the Secretaries of State and Defense, from the Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 29, 1948, and NSC 9/5)

At the suggestion of the Secretary of Defense the Department of State and the JCS were requested to prepare reports on developments with respect to Western Union and the military conversations in London respectively for consideration by the Council at an early meeting. Report by State circulated for information of the Council, November 8, as NSC 9/5. Awaiting report by JCS.

### TURKISH AIR POSITION

(NSC Action No. 105)

At its 19th Meeting the Council requested the Secretary of the Air Force to prepare a report for Council consideration on the Turkish position with reference to U. S. security interests in the Middle East and to the Greek and Turkish Aid Programs. Awaiting report from the Secretary of the Air Force.

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### COLLECTION OF FOREIGN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DATA

(Memo for NSC from the Executive Secretary, same subject, dated September 21, 1948)

Proposed National Security Council Intelligence Directive for Council consideration. Approved by State, September 27; Army, October 4; Navy, October 6; Air, October 14. Disapproved by Defense, October 25. Comments by NSRB received November 5. Disapproval of the Secretary of Defense and comments by NSRB were referred to the Director of CIA for his views and those of the Intelligence Advisory Committee for consideration by the Council. Awaiting report from the Director of CIA.

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## 6. DEFERRED PROJECTS

### DISPOSITION OF THE FORMER ITALIAN COLONIES IN AFRICA (NSC 19/2)

At its 17th Meeting, August 5, the NSC reviewed and discussed this problem but deferred further action pending the results of negotiations by the Department of State referred to in this report.

### NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Study initiated by NSC Staff December 2, 1947 as a long-term project. First draft issued February 25, 1948. Further consideration has been deferred until after NSC action on NSC 7 and the NSC 20 Series.

### THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE NEAR EAST

On December 12, 1947 the Consultants advised preparation of a report on this area by the Staff. First draft issued March 2, 1948. Further consideration of the report has been postponed at the request of the Department of State, pending the outcome of current developments in this area.

### THE POSITION OF THE U. S. WITH RESPECT TO FRANCE

Study initiated by the NSC Staff on December 2, 1947. First draft issued March 18, 1948. After initial consideration by the Staff, they agreed to defer further consideration at the request of the Department of State.

### U. S. ARMED FORCES AT TSINGTAO (NSC 11, 11/1)

As requested by the Acting Secretary of State in a letter of October 28 to the Executive Secretary, the Secretary of Defense read at the 26th Meeting of the Council Admiral Badger's statement as to the action he contemplated in the event the Chinese communists attacked Tsingtao and of the steps he was taking pursuant thereto. At its 26th Meeting, the Council also adopted interim recommendations but agreed to defer recommendations as to the eventual withdrawal or retention of U. S. armed forces at Tsingtao, pending reconsideration by the Council in light of U. S. policy toward China as a whole (NSC 34 Series). (See Section 3 for status of NSC 34 Series).

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